

**Town of Superior
OSAC Meeting Notes
October 12, 2011**

Members of the Committee in attendance: John Nibarger, Sherin Tedeschi, Jim Paine, Margaret Parish, Bob McCool, Joanna Jaszczak, Tom Pratt, Dana D'Souza (Chair), Matthew Finnigan.

Others on attendance:

Town Board Liaison: Debra Williams.

Staff: Martin Toth.

Agenda Items:

1. Updates:

- a. Hodgson Harris Reservoir Rehabilitation Project – the IGA establishing a partnership between Superior and Boulder County to complete this project was approved by the Town Board on September 26, and by the Board of County Commissioners on October 4.
- b. Rock Creek Stabilization Project – the pedestrian bridge was installed this week, linking the two sides of the “3 Parks” project area.
- c. Meadowlark/Coal Creek Regional Trail Connection – currently under construction is a soft-surface trail connection from the trailhead adjacent to Third Avenue in the southern portion of Original Town to the Coal Creek Regional Trail at the McCaslin bridge near Town Hall. The trail follows the railbed heading east from the trailhead, extends up to McCaslin using a switchback in the berm and then proceeds north along McCaslin right-of-way.
- d. Trail Mapping – with Louisville not planning to dedicate resources to this item for at least another year, John Nibarger volunteered to contact the County to inquire about the possibility of collaborating regionally.
- e. Boulder County POSAC – John Nibarger reviewed the County’s current available open space funding amount of \$22M for projects. Boulder County recently approved the Rock Creek Grasslands Management Plan, covering more than 1,000 acres in the southeastern portion of the county east of Hwy 287, to convert fields from agriculture into native grassland species. POSAC endorsed the Hodgson Harris Reservoir IGA.

2. Discussion – Advisory Committee Chairs & Board Liaisons Meeting Follow-up. Several items came out of this meeting of the different groups, and the Board is currently reviewing several options to establish preliminary organizational policies for the various committees. Once this is completed, each of the Committees will have the opportunity to provide feedback before it comes back to the Board for consideration. OSAC members discussed several topics related to this item,

including removing the open space component of the charge directing PROSTAC's work, term limits, reappointments and the application process.

3. Review – Allowable Uses for Open Space Fund Sales Tax and Bond Proceeds. As a follow-up to a question from last month's meeting, staff let the Committee know that the Town Attorney reviewed the language in Superior's two open space-related ballot measures, and determined that this funding may be used to fulfill the Town's responsibility to reimburse Boulder County for Hodgson Harris Reservoir rehabilitation project expenditures. Of the \$6 million available from bond issue, there is currently \$2.3 million available (this amount includes interest). The Committee discussed the ballot language, historical context and different perspectives on how this funding should be used, and was not ready to consider making a specific recommendation regarding funding of the reservoir project.
4. Review – Proposed 2012 Budget for Open Space Fund. The starting balance for 2011, including remaining bond proceeds and sales and use tax revenues, was \$4.7 million. With expenditures projected this year of \$75,000 and revenues of \$310,000, the year-end balance is expected to be \$4.9 million (in the absence of land acquisition expenditures). The year-end projection for this fund in 2012, after projected expenses of \$52,000 and revenues of \$316,000, is \$5.2 million (in the absence of land acquisition expenditures).